

What's an ideal candidate?

We're looking for candidates that have demonstrated exceptional environmental commitments to their business, community, and natural environments over a period of three years or longer, recognizing that outstanding, long-term dedication has a lasting effect on those who work, live and play in Wisconsin.

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Winner Archives

- 1982, Trout Unlimited, Wisconsin Chapter
- 1983, Consolidated Paper Corporation
- 1984, Northern States Power Company of Wisconsin
- 1985, Barron County
- 1986, Green Giant Company
- 1987, City of Portage
- 1988, E.E. duPont DeNemours Co., Inc.
- 1989, City of DePere Wastewater Treatment Program
- 1990, Hartwig Manufacturing Corporation
- 1991, Snap-On Tools Corporation
- 1992, Green Bay Packaging
- 1993, Federation of Environmental Technologies
- 1994, Kadinger Auto Salvage

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for

Outstanding Environmental Achievement

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John Brogan Environmental Achievement Award

The Department is looking for an outstanding, company or unit of government that has aggressively and effectively managed its activities to minimize or eliminate environmental pollution and protect the environment.

An eligible nominee is one that:

- is regulated by the Department and conducts its business in Wisconsin;
- demonstrates a commitment toward environmental protection. These efforts should be long-term, although exceptions may be made for outstanding short-term accomplishments; and
- remains in substantial compliance with state laws and rules.

The award is funded from the proceeds of a trust established by former Natural Resources Board member John Brogan. The Department of Natural Resources presents this prestigious award each summer at a Natural Resources Board meeting.

Nominations

Briefly describe the nominee's accomplishments in three pages or less (*attachments may be included*) and send to:

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Deadline: February 24, 2006

Winners' Accomplishments

2005 *Packaging Corporation of America – Tomahawk.* PCA treated by-products biologically in digesters and through these actions controlled hazardous air pollutants six times more than federal regulations require, recovered enough biogas energy to heat 250 Wisconsin homes annually and reduced greenhouse gas emissions 90,000 tons a year.

2004 *Cardinal Environmental Services.* Cardinal and its 15 employees work to diagnose and solve environmental problems. They actively provide training and information, raising knowledge and awareness in their community to protect human health and the environment.

2003 *Rockwell Automation of Milwaukee.* Rockwell Automation issued an "Environmental Commitment" in 1990 and since then has reduced hazardous waste production by 85% and cut ozone-depleting emissions by 94%. The company also recycles about two million pounds of materials each year, regrounding plastic waste for use in new production and cleaning and reusing their own oil.

2002 *John Deere Horicon Works.* JDHW reduced hazardous waste generation by over 99% in ten years and simultaneously cut their waste disposal costs by 96%. They also cut air emissions by 83% since 1991, and reduced wastewater discharges by 87% since 1998 by installing their own water treatment system.

2001 *3M Menomonie.* Through a number of company-wide environmental and pollution-prevention programs, 3M's Menomonie plant reduced releases to the environment by 61% and cut their ratio of waste to good output by over 60% in the last decade. They also recycled 4.5 million pounds of material and conserved enough energy to power 600 homes for a year.

2000 *Mayville Metal Products.* This company cut waste while increasing business and achieved ISO 14001 registration by creating reusable packaging materials, reducing reactive organic compound use by 89%, and cutting hazardous waste generation by 95%.

1999 *Badger Mining Corporation.* BMC reclaimed a 15-acre parcel of land in Berlin, WI, before siting a new company office building there. The project involved reclaiming an abandoned landfill, cleaning waterways and wetland areas, creating wildlife habitat and developing a comprehensive wildlife management plan for the site.

1998 *Artistic Plating.* This company has implemented many process changes to protect the environment, including a disaster management plan that prevented any release of toxic materials to the environment during a devastating plant fire in October 1996.

1997 *Rhineland Paper Company.* Through extensive research and development, this company devised a beneficial agricultural use for its primary process waste product. It also recycles over 1,000 tons of material annually in a company-wide recycling program.

1996 *Grede Foundries, Inc.* This company established an air quality control program and initiated research into beneficial uses of waste sand materials that significantly reduced the foundry's impact on the environment.

1995 *Marathon County Hazardous Waste Cooperative and the Marathon County Health Department.* The efforts of these organizations helped over 1000 diverse business and industry members manage environmental and hazardous waste issues. Highlights included workshops, newsletters and directories, and Wisconsin's first mobile household and agricultural hazardous waste collection program.